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In re Application of Cristina Geroni, et. al. Application No. 09/926,056 Filed: August 22, 2001 Attorney Docket No. 03-112

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 15, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 17, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned after midnight March 17, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600, for further review of the amendment filed with the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Andrea Smith at (203) 308-6711.

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